

RESOLUTION 41-2015
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2016 FIRE SEASON AND RELATED
BURN PERMITS AND FEES FOR MADISON COUNTY

Whereas, Section 7-33-2205, MCA, provides that the county governing body may, at its discretion, establish fire season annually, during which time no person may ignite or set a fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris-burning fire, or open fire within the county protection areas on any forest, range, or croplands, without having obtained an official permit to ignite or set such fire from the recognized protection agency for that protection area; and

Whereas, Section 7-33-2206, MCA, provides that any person who ignites or sets a fire, including a slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris-burning fire, or open fire on any residential or commercial property, forest, range, or cropland subject to the provisions of this part without first having obtained a written permit or permission from the recognized protection agency for that protection area to ignite or set the fire is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed six (6) months, or both; and

Whereas, a transaction fee of \$3.00 will be charged to Madison County; and

Whereas, Section 2-17-1101, MCA, through 2-17-1103, MCA, (Montana Electronic Government Services Act) and Section 7-5-2101, MCA, and 7-5-2102, MCA, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to charge fees to recover costs associated with electronic government and business; and

Whereas, for all persons residing in Madison County, open burn season is in effect during the period from March 1, through November 30, of the year and must obtain a permit on-line www.burnpermits.mt.gov or by calling 1-406-843-4212 or by calling their local fire chief of their respective district. During the period from December 1 through the following year to February 28, a person must obtain written authority from the State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality, authorizing burning; and

Whereas, the burn permit activation and information number is 1-866-614-0222 and the website is www.burnpermits.mt.gov; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Madison County Board of Commissioners establishes the 2016 fire season for Madison County from March 1, 2016, to November 30, 2016.

Be it further resolved that the annual cost for each burn permit is \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) and may be used multiple times during the same year.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 28th DAY OF December, 2015.

JAMES P. HART, CHAIRMAN

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DAVID SCHULZ

ATTEST: _____
Peggy Kaatz Stemler
Clerk and Recorder